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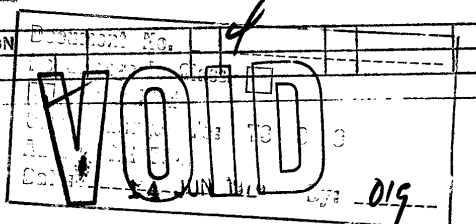
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1. During April and May 1950 the Communists in Canton appointed CHEUNG Hsing (鄭星), LI Tao-ming (李道明) and HO Chih-lien (霍自連) to direct the work of organizing hotel workers and workers in teashops. A preparatory committee for the reorganization of hotel workers' unions was established with HUANG K'an (黃堪) as chairman. HUANG, however, fled to Hong Kong owing to financial difficulties. The vice-chairman is LI Tao-ming. The secretary is CHEUNG Hsing and concurrently director of work. HO Chih-lien is secretary and also director of women workers. The following are members of the Committee: CHU Yung (朱榮), LIN Yuesh-po (林月波), YEH Jui (葉瑞), HSU T'ien (許添), T'ANG Chuan (唐全), CHOU Chih (周枝), KUANG Ch'ao (鄺超), WU Pai-chien (吳伯堅), CHIANG Ch'ang (江昌), YEH Hu (葉湖), HO Yu-ch'eng (何有成), HUANG Pei (黃培), HUANG Yu (黃有), HO Feng (何逢), LIANG Yao-lin (梁耀林), P'AN P'in (潘品) and WU Chuan-yu (吳全于). These men have had underground experience for many years and are confirmed Communists.
2. On April 13, the headquarters of the Hotel Workers' Union was broken into by over a dozen members of the guerrilla force who carried Bren guns and hand grenades. They harangued the resident members of the Union and carried away funds to the amount of over 2,000 Hong Kong dollars and 5,000,000 Communist currency.
3. After the fall of Canton, a great many Communist agents were sent to Hong Kong and Kowloon to undertake subversive activities including propaganda and agitation among local workers with a view to usurping leadership in industrial and trade unions. For a time, agitators were quite successful in their attempts. At the beginning of the year, however, when conditions on the mainland, instead of changing for the better actually changed for the worse and people who had been deprived of their means of livelihood began to flock to the Colony, these Communist agents found that they were no longer succeeding.
4. A celebration of non-Communist unions meeting was held at 10 a.m. 1 May 1950 in the Po Hing Theater, Nathan Road, Kowloon, the biggest theater in Kowloon. Outside the celebration hall, the Nationalist flag was hung up together with

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the Union Jack above the main entrance door. Flags of other democratic countries and ensigns of different labor unions were hung around the Chinese and the English flags. Inside the hall, the photo of Dr. SUN Yat-sen, founder of the Chinese Republic, was hung in the middle of the wall facing the platform. On the four walls of the auditorium, striking slogans were hung up. The material preparation of the celebration meeting was very impressive.

5. One hundred and twenty five labor unions out of the total of 162 in Hong Kong and Kowloon sent their leaders to attend the meeting. Over 5,000 workers and people from other walks of life attended.

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